

THE CONSERVATORS OF ASHDOWN FOREST

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BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION : ASHDOWN FOREST FLYERS LICENCE TO FLY MODEL AIRCRAFT ON ASHDOWN FOREST

Members of the British Model Flying Association who are also members of Ashdown Forest Flyers are licensed to fly Free Flight Model Aircraft and Radio-Controlled Gliders on Ashdown Forest for the period commencing 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Flying is restricted to members of The Ashdown Forest Flyers (BMFA Club Number 003323);
- 2. Flying is permitted only by persons covered by Third Party Insurance; minimum cover £5,000,000.
- 3. All flying must be done in accordance with CAA Model Aircraft Article 16 Authorisation:
- A digital copy of Membership Cards (Ashdown Forest Flyers BMFA Cards) is to be carried and must be produced if requested by a member of the Forest Staff.
- Flying is restricted to the Old Lodge Valley area bounded by Old Lodge Boundary, Duddleswell /Nutley Road, Old Lodge Drive, B2026 and Friends Clump*.
- 6. Individual members may fly at the following times:

Between 1 May and 31 August:

- Silent Free Flight models, including electric powered- up to 12.00 noon and from 6pm to sunset on any day in the area detailed above.
- Power Assisted Free Flight models and Radio-Controlled Gliders, including electric power assisted models- up to 10.30 am and from 6pm to sunset on any day in the area detailed above.

Between 1 January to 30 April and 1 September to 31 December:

• Free Flight Models and Radio-Controlled Gliders, including electric power assisted models- from 8.30 am to sunset on any day in the area detailed above.

At all times when Model Aircraft are flown a member of the Association shall act as Safety Officer.

- 7. All members parking their cars on Ashdown Forest must use authorised car parks and must display that they are members of the Ashdown Forest Flyers and parking must be paid for.
- 8. The Association shall pay a fee of £633.72 (incl. VAT) in acknowledgement of this Licence.
- 9. All members must show care and consideration to all other Forest users. Special care must be taken when there are horses and riders in view. Every precaution is to be taken to prevent Model Aircraft flying across public highways, over private property or to prevent the harassment of other Forest users. Temporary warning signs must to be placed and secured with road pins on paths leading to the take- off area.
- 10. The Conservators reserve the right to revoke this licence at 14 days' notice, but if this Licence is so revoked, a due portion of the aforesaid fee shall at the same time be returned to the Association.

Information below ONLY refers to the SEVEN COMPETITION DAYS on the following Sundays:
6 April, 4 May, 1 June, 6 July, 7 September, 12 October 2025
A Competition date in March 2026 to be advised with at least two months notice.

*If the wind is in the north flying is permitted from Stonehill Car Park south towards Misbourne, and if the wind is in the northwest flying is permitted from Pylons south-east towards Poundgate. On competition days, club Officials must decide if the wind is unsuitable to fly in Old Lodge Valley and agree which area is to be used. Only one of the designated areas can be used at one time. Warning signs should be posted on all rides approaching the flying site.

For and on behalf of the British Model Flying Association / Ashdown Forest Flyers: For and on behalf of the Board of Conservators:



